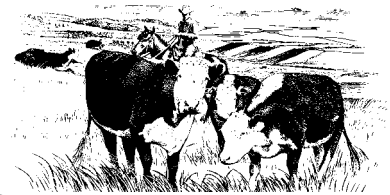


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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 410 thousand head on July 1, 2000, the same as last month, but 9 percent above July 1999. During June, placements of 58.0 thousand head were 3 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 53.0 thousand head were 6 percent above June 1999. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 9 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.39 million head on July 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above July 1, 1999 and 13 percent above July 1, 1998. The inventory included 6.22 million steers and steer calves, up 8 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.13 million head, up 9 percent from 1999.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.66 million, 7 percent below 1999, but 6 percent above 1998. Net placements were 1.61 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 347 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 380 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 498 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 439 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.16 million, slightly above 1999 and 6 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 57.0 thousand during June, 10 percent below 1999 and 21 percent below 1998.

## CATTLE ON FEED UP 9 PERCENT IN THE HISTORIC SEVEN-STATES

Cattle on feed July 1, 2000 in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 8.96 million, up 9 percent from the previous year and 14 percent above July 1, 1998. The inventory included 5.33 million steers and steer calves, up 10 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.60 million head, up 9 percent from 1999.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.41 million, 7 percent below 1999, but 8 percent above 1998. Marketings during June totaled 1.83 million, slightly below 1999, but 6 percent above 1998. Other disappearance during June was 37.0 thousand head, 16 percent below 1999 and down 27 percent from 1998.

## CATTLE AND CALVES NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed June 1 1/			Placed During June		Marketed During June	
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	207	276	133	20	34	26	35
California	370	410	111	60	58	50	53
Colorado	1,090	1,180	108	160	150	225	230
Iowa	330	355	106	45	46	64	55
Kansas	2,020	2,290	113	410	360	460	485
Nebraska	2,000	2,100	105	300	315	500	460
Texas	2,530	2,800	111	520	450	510	510
Seven-State Total	8,547	9,411	110	1,515	1,413	1,835	1,828
State	Other Disappearance During June 2/		Number on Feed July 1		2000/1999		
	1999	2000	1999	2000			
	Thousand Head					Percent	
Arizona	3	1	198	274	138		
California	5	5	375	410	109		
Colorado	5	10	1,020	1,090	107		
Iowa	1	1	310	345	111		
Kansas	10	5	1,960	2,160	110		
Nebraska	10	5	1,790	1,950	109		
Texas	10	10	2,530	2,730	108		
Seven-State Total	44	37	8,183	8,959	109		

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

### MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 2.67 billion pounds of milk in June 2000. This was 5 percent below May 2000, but 7 percent above June 1999.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,755 pounds, 95 pounds less than May 2000, but 45 pounds more than a year ago.

### MILK PRODUCTION

Month	California						Total Milk Receipts <sup>1/</sup>		United States <sup>2/</sup>					
	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production				Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,444	1,492	1,690	1,815	2,440	2,708	2,437	2,706	7,694	7,765	1,518	1,578	11,679	12,256
Feb.	1,447	1,496	1,555	1,710	2,250	2,558	2,243	2,556	7,696	7,766	1,404	1,505	10,804	11,691
Mar.	1,452	1,550	1,795	1,815	2,606	2,723	2,600	2,736	7,713	7,774	1,585	1,631	12,228	12,679
Apr.	1,456	1,507	1,770	1,810	2,577	2,728	2,572	2,729	7,720	7,787	1,554	1,592	11,998	12,399
May	1,459	1,513	1,825	1,850	2,663	2,799	2,655	2,796	7,733	7,795	1,610	1,635	12,447	12,743
June	1,464	1,521	1,710	1,755	2,503	2,669	2,500		7,740	7,805	1,516	1,546	11,737	12,070
July	1,467		1,715		2,516		2,509		7,751		1,498		11,610	
Aug.	1,472		1,770		2,605		2,598		7,755		1,487		11,534	
Sept.	1,476		1,710		2,524		2,516		7,753		1,445		11,200	
Oct.	1,480		1,760		2,605		2,602		7,746		1,491		11,549	
Nov.	1,484		1,715		2,545		2,538		7,756		1,459		11,315	
Dec.	1,488		1,775		2,641		2,639		7,757		1,538		11,928	

<sup>1/</sup> Milk receipts from California's Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.

<sup>2/</sup> Twenty-state total.

### JULY 1, 2000

**ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY TOTALS 8.50 MILLION HEAD**  
**2000 LAMB CROP TOTALS 4.53 MILLION HEAD**

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2000 totaled 8.50 million head, 6 percent below July 1, 1999. Breeding sheep inventory declined to 5.03 million head on July 1, 2000, 6 percent below July 1999. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.47 million head, were 5 percent below last July.

Of the July 1, 2000 breeding herd, 4.12 million head were ewes one-year-old and older, 205 thousand head were rams one-year-old and older, and 710 thousand head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

The 2000 Lamb Crop in the United States is expected to total 4.53 million head, down 4 percent from the 1999 lamb crop of 4.72 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2000 totaled 4.02 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 510 thousand head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2000.

### U.S. MARKET LAMBS BY WEIGHT GROUPS

Weight Group	July 1999	July 2000
	Thousand Head	
Under 65 Lbs.	2,120	2,010
65-84 Lbs.	730	710
85-105 Lbs.	465	400
Over 105 Lbs.	260	280
TOTAL	3,575	3,400

### FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		June 1999	May 2000	June 15, 2000	June 1999	May 2000	June 15, 2000
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	84.00	89.00	81.00	81.70	89.40	82.50
Alfalfa, Baled <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	86.00	91.00	81.00	85.00	93.90	85.70
Hogs <sup>2/ 3/</sup>	Cwt.	---	---	---	34.10	48.50	47.90
Cows <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	35.50	37.00	37.00	36.70	38.90	39.20
Steers and Heifers <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	64.50	71.00	71.00	66.70	73.20	71.30
Calves <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	75.50	94.50	94.50	89.00	107.00	103.00
Sheep	Cwt.	24.50	31.50	---	28.90	30.50	---
Lambs <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	81.00	91.00	---	81.30	96.40	---
Milk Cows <sup>4/</sup>	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	12.75	11.20	11.70	13.10	12.00	12.20

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

<sup>2/</sup> Previous month revised to monthly average.

<sup>3/</sup> Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

<sup>4/</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July, and October.

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during June 2000 totaled 90.8 million pounds (dressed weight), up 1 percent from last month and 2 percent above June 1999. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June 2000, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,240 pounds; calves, 180 pounds; and hogs 216 pounds.

### BEEF AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION SET JUNE RECORD HIGHS VEAL AND LAMB & MUTTON SET RECORD LOWS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in June, up slightly from the previous record high for June set in 1999.

June 1999 and 2000 both contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous record high for June set last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.24 million head, up 1 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year to 1,205 pounds.

Veal production totaled 19.0 million pounds, 1 percent below the previous record low for June set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 95.0 thousand head, down 9 percent from June 1999. The average live weight, at 322 pounds, was 25 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.54 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.95 million head, 4 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17 million pounds, was down 1 percent from the previous record low for June set in 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 260 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 3 pounds from June a year ago.

January - June red meat production was 22.9 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was down 2 percent, and lamb & mutton were down 2 percent.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 1999-00 a/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousand Head	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Thousand Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	86.1	89.1	106,773	110,537	1,241	1,240
U.S. Total	3,206.8	3,236.8	3,832,344	3,901,800	1,195	1,205
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	12.6	10.7	2,045	1,921	162	180
U.S. Total	104.8	95.3	31,072	30,692	297	322
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	270.0	260.3	35,154	34,612	130	133
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	190.2	189.7	40,371	40,910	212	216
U.S. Total	8,319.2	7,950.3	2,156,831	2,081,082	259	262
<b>RED MEAT</b>						
	June 1999	May 2000 b/	June 2000	June 00 June 99	June 00 May 00	
	Million Pounds		Percent			
California	88.9	89.9	90.8	102	101	
U.S. Total	3,940.2	3,877.8	3,940.4	100	102	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ Revised total for May 2000.

## JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2000 totaled 106.4 million head. This was 1 percent below the 107.0 million on July 1, 1999 and 1 percent below the 107.7 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.2 million. This was slightly below the 43.3 million on July 1, 1999 and 1 percent below the 43.6 million two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 34.0 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 1999 and 1 percent below two years ago.
- Milk cows, at 9.25 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 1999 and 1 percent above two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2000 and the changes from July 1 last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, down 1 percent from both years.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.7 million, down 2 percent and down 6 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.7 million, unchanged and up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 8.1 million, unchanged from both years.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.3 million, down 1 percent and down 2 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, down 5 percent from both years.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 30.3 million, down 1 percent from both years.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.3 million, up 7 percent and up 12 percent.

## CALF CROP UP SLIGHTLY

The 2000 calf crop is expected to be 38.9 million, up slightly from 1999 and 1998. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.6 million, up slightly from both years.

### CATTLE AND CALVES NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 1998-00

Class	1998	1999	2000	2000 1999
	Thousand Head			Percent
Cattle and Calves	107,700	107,000	106,400	99
Cows and Heifers				
That Have Calved	43,600	43,300	43,200	100
Beef Cows	34,400	34,150	33,950	99
Milk Cows	9,200	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	16,700	16,600	16,500	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,000	4,800	4,700	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	3,700	100
Other Heifers	8,100	8,100	8,100	100
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,600	14,400	14,300	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,200	2,200	2,100	95
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	30,600	30,500	30,300	99
Calf Crop	38,812	38,710	38,900	100

**CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASS AND CALF CROP FOR SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JULY 1, 1999-00**

State	All Cattle and Calves			All Cows That Have Calved			Beef Cows That Have Calved			Milk Cows That Have Calved			Calf Crop		
	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1999	2000 <u>a/</u>	<u>2000</u> 1999
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
CA	4,950	5,000	101	2,260	2,310	102	795	785	99	1,465	1,525	104	1,950	2,000	103
CO	3,500	3,500	100	950	960	101	868	875	101	82	85	104	870	880	101
IA	3,950	3,950	100	1,250	1,250	100	1,034	1,035	100	216	215	100	1,150	1,150	100
KS	6,900	6,950	101	1,740	1,720	99	1,655	1,630	98	85	90	106	1,450	1,440	99
MO	4,750	4,700	99	2,220	2,220	100	2,062	2,066	100	158	154	97	2,060	2,070	100
MT	3,700	3,750	101	1,590	1,630	103	1,572	1,612	103	18	18	100	1,570	1,620	103
NE	7,350	7,250	99	2,120	2,080	98	2,047	2,005	98	73	75	103	1,860	1,840	99
OK	5,500	5,500	100	2,100	2,100	100	2,008	2,009	100	92	91	99	1,870	1,890	101
SD	4,800	4,900	102	1,910	1,950	102	1,808	1,847	102	102	103	101	1,780	1,800	101
TX	14,900	14,900	100	6,150	6,100	99	5,805	5,750	99	345	350	101	5,150	5,300	103
WI	3,750	3,700	99	1,620	1,600	99	252	255	101	1,368	1,345	98	1,450	1,430	99
Other States	42,950	42,300	98	19,390	19,280	99	14,244	14,081	99	5,146	5,199	101	17,550	17,480	100
U.S.	107,000	106,400	99	43,300	43,200	100	34,150	33,950	99	9,150	9,250	101	38,710	38,900	100

a/ Preliminary.